

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 18-19, 2023

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.6g.(8), Action Item

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Subject: **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS ALLOCATION FOR THE TRANSIT AND INTERCITY  
RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM – (2020:11) SDCONNECT: SAN DIEGO RAIL  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (EL CAJON THIRD TRACK) COMPONENT  
RESOLUTION TIRCP-2324-24S**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a request for an additional \$75,000 for the Construction (CON) phase of the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2020:11) SDConnect: San Diego Rail Improvement Program (El Cajon Third Track) component (PPNO CP069), in San Diego County?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission approve a request for an additional \$75,000 for the CON phase of the TIRCP (2020:11) SDConnect: San Diego Rail Improvement Program (El Cajon Third Track) component (PPNO CP069), in San Diego County.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In May 2022, under Resolution TIRCP-2122-33, the Commission approved an allocation of \$6,480,000 for the CON phase of the (2020:11) SDConnect: San Diego Rail Improvement Program (El Cajon Third Track) component.

### **PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:**

The (2020:11) SDConnect: San Diego Rail Improvement Program (El Cajon Third Track) component, located in San Diego County, will result in the construction of an additional track and platform to allow the San Diego Trolley Green and Orange Lines to terminate at the El Cajon Transit Center.

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**FUNDING STATUS:**

This project was originally programmed for \$6,480,000 for the CON phase. However, an additional \$75,000 is needed to complete the phase. These supplemental funds for CON will be redirected from funding originally programmed and allocated from the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate phase of the (2020:11) SDConnect: San Diego Rail Improvement Program (El Cajon Third Track) component.

**REASON(S) FOR THE COST INCREASE:**

San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (SDMTS) is requesting this supplemental funding to cover unanticipated project costs increases due to the budget being underestimated at the time of allocation request. Delays and shortages in the supply chain have driven up costs in materials needed to complete construction, which include overhead catenary system supplies, rail, and signal equipment. The original cost estimate from 2019 was \$7,623,530. In March 2022, SDMTS received contractor bids for the CON phase, with the lowest bid coming in at 47 percent higher than the original cost estimate. The new cost estimate is \$11,170,000. In addition to the TIRCP supplemental funding, SDMTS will contribute California Transportation Development Act funding to supplement the cost increase and has since implemented new policies for determining cost estimates to minimize future underestimations.

**CONSEQUENCES:**

Without this supplemental allocation of \$75,000, the (2020:11) SDConnect: San Diego Rail Improvement Program (El Cajon Third Track) component will be delayed until additional funding is secured to complete the CON phase. Delays in completing the CON phase will subsequently result in a delay in improved service of the San Diego Trolley Green and Orange Lines terminating at the El Cajon Transit Center.

**FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:**

Be it Resolved, that an additional \$75,000 be allocated from the Budget Act of 2022, Budget Act Items 2660-301-0046R and 2660-101-0046 for the TIRCP (2020:11) SDConnect: San Diego Rail Improvement Program (El Cajon Third Track) component (PPNO CP069).

Attachment

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## 2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

Project #	Project Title	PPNO Program Funding Year	Item #	State	State	State
Allocation Amount	Location	Fund Type	Program Codes	Federal	Federal	Federal
Recipient	Project Description	Project ID	Adv Phase	Current Amount by Fund Type	Additional Amount by Fund Type	Revised Amount by Fund Type
<u>RTPA/CTC</u> District-County						

## 2.6g.(8) Supplemental Allocation - Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program

Resolution TIRCP-2324-24S

\$75,000	<b>(2020:11) SDConnect: San Diego Rail Improvement Program (El Cajon Third Track).</b>	11-CP069				
San Diego Association of Governments	Construct an additional platform and track at El Cajon Transit Center to allow Trolley service to terminate at El Cajon Transit Center. The new platform will extend 123 feet.	TIRCP/2020-21	CONST			
<u>SANDAG</u>	<u>Outcome/Output:</u> Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and estimated increased ridership through capacity enhancements to stations and rail infrastructure, improves connections between various transportation modes in downtown, including regional passenger rail, commuter rail, and local and regional bus services.	301-0046R	GGRF	\$3,240,000		\$3,240,000
11-San Diego		30.20.301.100				
		TIRCP/2020-21	CONST			
		101-0046	PTA	\$3,240,000		\$3,240,000
		30.10.030.200				
	Supplemental funds are needed to complete Construction.					
	CEQA - CE-NOE, 9/14/2020	TIRCP/2022-23	CONST			
		301-0046R	GGRF		\$38,000	\$38,000
	Total revised amount \$6,555,000	30.20.301.100				
	Right of Way Certification: 03/15/2022					
		TIRCP/2022-23	CONST			
	El Cajon Third Track component will be implemented by San Diego Metropolitan Transit System with the Recipients oversight.	101-0046	PTA		\$37,000	\$37,000
		30.10.030.200				
	SANDAG received a previous CON allocation for the component of \$6,480,000 under Resolution TIRCP-2122-33; May 2022.	0023000207	S			
	Upon approval of this request of \$75,000, the total allocation amount for the CON phase will be \$6,555,000.	R443GD				
	Total revised allocation amount is \$6,555,000					
	Concurrent allocation amendment under Resolution TIRCP-2324-21; October 2023.					